

# **TITLE VIII—TRANSPORTATION DISCRETIONARY SPENDING GUARANTEE AND BUDGET OFFSETS**

## **Subtitle A—Transportation Discretionary Spending Guarantee**

### **SEC. 8101. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING CATEGORIES.**

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(b) OFFSETTING ADJUSTMENT IN DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—

(1) ADJUSTMENT OF NONDEFENSE CATEGORY FOR FY1999.—The discretionary spending limit set forth in section 251(c)(3)(B) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as adjusted in conformance with section 251(b) of that Act, is reduced by \$859,000,000 in new budget authority and \$25,144,000,000 in outlays.

(2) ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY CATEGORY FOR FY2000.—The discretionary spending limit set forth in section 251(c)(4)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as adjusted in conformance with section 251(b) of that Act, is reduced by \$859,000,000 in new budget authority and \$26,009,000,000 in outlays.

(3) ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMIT FOR FY2001.—The discretionary spending limit set forth in section 251(c)(5)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as adjusted in conformance with section 251(b) of that Act, is reduced by \$859,000,000 in new budget authority and \$26,329,000,000 in outlays.

(4) ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMIT FOR FY2002.—The discretionary spending limit set forth in section 251(c)(6)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as adjusted in conformance with section 251(b) of that Act, is reduced by \$859,000,000 in new budget authority and \$26,675,000,000 in outlays.

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### **SEC. 8102. CONFORMING THE PAYGO SCORECARD WITH THIS ACT.**

Upon the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall not make any estimates under section 252(d) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 of changes in direct spending outlays and receipts for any fiscal year resulting from this title or from section 1102 of this Act.

**SEC. 8103. LEVEL OF OBLIGATION LIMITATIONS.**

(a) **HIGHWAY CATEGORY.**—For the purposes of section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the level of obligation limitations for the highway category is—

- (1) for fiscal year 1999, \$25,883,000,000;
- (2) for fiscal year 2000, \$26,629,000,000;
- (3) for fiscal year 2001, \$27,158,000,000;
- (4) for fiscal year 2002, \$27,767,000,000; and
- (5) for fiscal year 2003, \$28,233,000,000.

(b) **MASS TRANSIT CATEGORY.**—For the purposes of section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the level of obligation limitations for the mass transit category is—

- (1) for fiscal year 1999, \$5,365,000,000;
- (2) for fiscal year 2000, \$5,797,000,000;
- (3) for fiscal year 2001, \$6,271,000,000;
- (4) for fiscal year 2002, \$6,747,000,000; and
- (5) for fiscal year 2003, \$7,226,000,000.

For purposes of this subsection, the term “obligation limitations” means the sum of budget authority and obligation limitations.

## **Subtitle B—Veterans’ Benefits**

**SEC. 8201. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Veterans Benefits Act of 1998”.

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**SEC. 8206. INCREASE IN AID AND ATTENDANCE RATES FOR VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR PENSION.**

Effective October 1, 1998, the maximum annual rates of pension in effect as of September 30, 1998, under the following provisions of chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code, are increased by \$600:

- (1) Subsections (d)(1), (d)(2), (f)(2), and (f)(4) of section 1521.
- (2) Section 1536(d)(2).

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**SEC. 8208. EXTENSION OF PRIOR REVISION TO OFFSET RULE FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPECIAL SEPARATION BENEFIT PROGRAM.**

The amendment made by section 653 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104–201; 110 Stat. 2583) to subsection (h)(2) of section 1174 of title 10, United States Code, shall apply to any payment of separation pay under the special separation benefits program under section 1174a of that title that was made during the period beginning on December 5, 1991, and ending on September 30, 1996.

**SEC. 8209. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS CONCERNING RECOVERY FROM TOBACCO COMPANIES OF COSTS OF TREATMENT OF VETERANS FOR TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESSES.**

It is the sense of the Congress—

(1) that the Attorney General or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as appropriate, should take all steps necessary to recover from tobacco companies amounts corresponding to the costs which would be incurred by the Department of Veterans Affairs for treatment of tobacco-related illnesses of veterans, if such treatment were authorized by law; and

(2) that the Congress should authorize by law the treatment of tobacco-related illnesses of veterans upon the recovery of such amounts.

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